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**AMENDMENT & REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.111**

This Reply is responsive to the Office Action dated June 3, 2003, the time period for response to which expired September 3, 2003. An extension of time for three months is being filed concurrently, thereby extending the period for response to December 3, 2003. Entry of the following amendments and remarks and reconsideration of the claimed subject matter is respectfully requested:



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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

- Transmitted herewith is an Amendment & Reply in response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2003, the time period for response to which expired September 3, 2003.
- Extension of Time**

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

[X] Applicants petition for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d), for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Total Months Requested</u>	<u>Fee for Extension</u>	<u>[Fee for Small Entity]</u>
[] one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
[] two months	\$ 420.00	\$210.00
[X] three months	\$ 950.00	\$475.00
[] four months	\$1,480.00	\$740.00

3. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining		Previously Paid	Extra	at Rate of	Total Fees
Total Claims	4	minus	20	0	at \$18 each =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2	minus	3	0	at \$84 each =	\$0.00
First presentation of Multiple dependent claim					\$270.00	
SUB-TOTAL =						\$0.00
Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity						\$0.00
TOTAL FEE =						\$0.00


4. Fee Payment

- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account no. 50-0310 in the amount of \$950.00 for a three-month extension of time.

5. Constructive Petition:

- ☒ Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **constructive petition for extension of time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted
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